

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Regional Trade Agreements: Impacts on U.S. and Foreign Suppliers in Commodity and Manufactured Food Markets

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This study uses the gravity framework and panel data depicting annual trade between 69 countries over 31 years to examine how 11 regional trade agreements (RTAs) have shaped U.S. and other suppliers' exports of commodity and manufactured foods. Empirical results show that joint RTA membership enabled exporters to increase their trade with bloc importers in the two food markets. Foreign suppliers of food bore the cost of RTA formation in some cases.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/08/11 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

